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1. IN LONG MONOLOGUE DURING OUR FIRST SESSION JULY 9, GUINEA'S PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR SUBSTANTIAL U.S. PL-480 HELP, REPEATED REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY HELP, BUT AT SAME TIME ACKNOWLEDGED GUINEA HAD POTENTIAL TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT IN AGRICULTURE AND SHOULD WORK TOWARD THAT GOAL. TOURE MADE GENERAL APPEAL WHICH LIKELY BE FOLLOWED UP WITH SPECIFIC REQUEST TO HELP IN GOG AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN NEXT SESSION WITH TOURE AND MINISTERS MORNING JULY 12.

2. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, I PROPOSE REPLY ANY SUCH REQUEST BY STATING:

A. AT TIME OF GROWING FOOD SHORTAGES US AGREES WITH SEKOU TOURE'S VIEWS THAT IN NOT ONLY DESIRABLE BUT
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ESSENTIAL THAT COUNTRIES REALIZE FULL AGRICULTURAL

POTENTIAL. GUINEA OBVIOUSLY HAS GREAT POTENTIAL IF PROPER EMPHASIS GIVEN TO TECHNOLOGY, ORGANIZATION AND INCENTIVE. PL-480 PROGRAM DESIGNED, LIKE PRESIDENT TOURE'S POLICY TOWARD FOREIGN AID, AS INTERIM MEASURE TO ASSIST RECIPIENTS BECOME SELF SUFFICIENT IN AGRICULTURE.

B. SHAPE OF FUTURE US AID PROGRAM DEPENDS ON FATE PROPOSALS NOW BEFORE CONGRESS. DIRECTION IS TOWARD CONCENTRATION OF US EFFORT IN KEY ECONOMIC SECTORS OF WHICH ONE IS AGRICULTURE. EMPHASIS ALSO LIKELY CONTINUE ON WORKING TO MAXIMUM EXTENT WITH IBRD AND OTHER DONORS.

C. AS EXPLAINED DURING LAST VISIT ADO DAKAR, GUINEA CAN PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS SUCH AS WARDA. ADO PREPARED RETURN AT MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS. AMBASSADOR'S SELF-HELP FUND ALSO AVAILABLE FOR MODEST RURAL PROJECTS.

D. DEPENDING ON AID AUTHORITY AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES, US WOULD BE PREPARED CONSIDER OTHER PROJECTS IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD IF MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE WORKED OUT AND IF MUTUAL CONFIDENCE EXISTS. WHILE APPRECIATING THAT SPECIAL CURCUMSTANCES HAVE OFTEN INTERVENED, PAST HISTORY HAS SHOWN THAT, WITHOUT CONFIDENCE, OUR PEOPLE CANNOT WORK EFFECTIVELY TOGETHER.
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